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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET (Instructions on Reverse)		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)		
PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS			
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
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CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$			
Other Relief Sought				

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES		
NAME OF DEBTOR		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)		
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)		
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, *unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

*Per LBR 7003-1, in the EDVA, a properly completed Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet is required.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:) Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)
)
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., <u>et al.</u> ,) Chapter 11
)
Debtors.) (Jointly Administered)
)
)
ALFRED H. SIEGEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE)
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC. LIQUIDATING) Adv. Pro. No. 10-_____
TRUST,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
ARTITALIA GROUP INC. AND EXPORT)
DEVELOPMENT CANADA,)
)
Defendants.)
)

**THE LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S COMPLAINT TO AVOID
AND RECOVER PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS AND
OBJECTION TO CLAIM NOS. 478 AND 1789**

Alfred H. Siegel, the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the “Trustee”), pursuant to the Second Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession and its Official Committee of Creditors Holding General Unsecured Claims (the “Plan”), for his complaint and for his objection to proof of claim numbers 478 and 1789 (the “Complaint”) against Artitalia Group, Inc.. (“Artitalia” or “Defendant”) and Export Development Canada (“Export” or “Defendant”), alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. The Trustee brings this action against Defendant Artitalia to recover amounts due and owing from Defendant Artitalia to Circuit City arising from the relationship between the parties. In addition to contractual claims, the Trustee seeks recovery for unjust enrichment and to avoid and recover certain preferential transfers that occurred during the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City’s bankruptcy proceedings, as well as turnover of property of the bankruptcy estates. Finally, the Trustee objects to Defendant’s proof of claim filed against the Debtors’ estates.

THE PARTIES

2. The Trustee (“Trustee” or “Plaintiff”) is the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the “Trust”). Pursuant to Articles II and III of the Trust, the Trustee has the sole authority to pursue claims transferred to the Trust by the Debtors through the Plan, and to litigate objections to claims asserted against the Debtors’ estates.

3. Prior to the Effective Date of the Plan, Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its affiliated debtors in possession (collectively “Circuit City” or the “Debtors”)¹ were corporations that maintained their respective principal places of business in the locations set forth below, and were the debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

4. Upon information and belief, defendant Artitalia is a corporation organized under the laws of Quebec with its principal place of business in Montreal, Quebec Canada, and that Defendant Export is a Crown corporation with its principal place of business in Ottawa, Ontario Canada.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.

6. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

7. Venue of these chapter 11 cases and this adversary proceeding in this district and before this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

8. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested by the Complaint are sections 105, 502, 503, 541, 542, 547, 550, and 558 of title 11, United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Bankruptcy Rules 3007 and 7001, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3007-1.

¹ The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc. (6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc. (n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

PERTINENT FACTS

A. General Case Background

9. On November 10, 2008 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and until the effective date of the Plan, continued to operate as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.

10. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the “Creditors’ Committee”).

11. On January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors to, among other things, conduct going out of business sales at all of the Debtors’ retail locations (the “Stores”) pursuant to an agency agreement (the “Agency Agreement”) between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the “Agent”). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales at the Stores pursuant to the Agency Agreement. As of March 8, 2009, the going out of business sales at the Debtors’ stores were completed.

12. On August 9, 2010, the Debtors and the Creditors’ Committee filed the Plan, which provides for the liquidation of the Debtors’ assets and distribution of the proceeds thereof under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

13. On September 10, 2010, the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia, signed an Order confirming the Plan.

14. The Plan became effective on November 1, 2010 (the “Effective Date”).

B. The Business Relationship Between Circuit City And Defendant Artitalia

15. Prior to the commencement of these bankruptcy cases, the Debtors were a leading specialty retailer of consumer electronics and operated large nationwide electronics stores that sold, among other things, televisions, home theatre systems, computers, camcorders, furniture, software, imaging and telecommunications products, and other audio and video electronics.

16. During the course of the parties' relationship, the parties engaged in numerous transactions and otherwise, that are reflected in invoices, communications and other documents (collectively, the "Defendant's Agreements").

17. Circuit City purchased goods from Defendant pursuant to Defendant's agreements.

18. Circuit City and Defendant Artitalia conducted business with one another up to and through the Petition Date, and thereafter, under the Defendant's Agreements.

19. During the ordinary course of the Debtors' business, the Debtors maintained books and records of their transactions with Defendant Artitalia (the "Books and Records").

C. Amounts Allegedly owed to Defendant Artitalia and Defendant Artitalia's Proofs of Claim

(1) Claim No. 478

20. On or about December 3, 2008, Artitalia filed a proof of claim designated Claim No. 478 in the sum of \$4,218.78 which alleged to be entitled administrative expense priority pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 503(b)(9).

21. Pursuant to an order of the Court entered on the Debtors' Sixth Omnibus Objections to Claims [Docket No. 4012], Claim No. 478 was reclassified to a general unsecured claim.

(2) Claim No. 1789

22. On or about April 29, 2009, Defendant Artitalia filed Claim No. 1789.

23. Claim No. 1789 was filed in the amount of \$268,406.66 as a general unsecured, non-priority claim (the "General Unsecured Claim").

24. The General Unsecured Claim was filed on account of goods and services allegedly provided to Circuit City prior to the Petition Date.

25. On or about July 15, 2010, Artitalia transferred Claim No. 1789 to Defendant Export.

D. Transfers To Defendant Artitalia Made Within 90 Days Prior To The Petition Date

26. During the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy cases (the "Preference Period"), Circuit City transferred property to or for the benefit of Defendant Artitalia in an amount not less than \$245,826.67. A list identifying each and every transfer during the Preference Period is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Preferential Transfers").

27. Plaintiff acknowledges that some of the Preferential Transfers might be subject to defenses under Bankruptcy Code section 547(c), for which the Defendant Artitalia bears the burden of proof under Section 547(g). Plaintiff will work with Defendant Artitalia to exchange applicable information in an effort to resolve any and all factual issues with respect to potential defenses.

COUNT I

**AVOIDANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11
U.S.C. § 547(b) AGAINST DEFENDANT ARTITALIA ONLY**

28. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

29. During the Preference Period, Defendant was a creditor of one or more of the Debtors.

30. Each Preferential Transfer identified on Exhibit A hereto was made to or for the benefit of Defendant.

31. Each Preferential Transfer was made for or on account of an antecedent debt or debts owed by one or more of the Debtors before such Preferential Transfers were made.

32. Each Preferential Transfer was made during the Preference Period.

33. Each Preferential Transfer was made while the Debtors were insolvent.

34. Each Preferential Transfer enabled Defendant to receive more than Defendant would have received if (i) the Debtors' chapter 11 cases were instead cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the transfers and/or payments had not been made; and (iii) Defendant received payment on account of the debt paid by the Preferential Transfers to the extent provided by the Bankruptcy Code.

35. Each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b).

COUNT II

**RECOVERY OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11
U.S.C. § 550 AGAINST DEFENDANT ARTITALIA ONLY**

36. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein

37. Defendant was either (i) the initial transferee of the Preferential Transfers, (ii) the entity for whose benefit the Preferential Transfers were made, or (iii) an immediate or mediate transferee of the Preferential Transfers.

38. Each Preferential Transfer that is avoided under Section 547(b) is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.

39. Subject to potential defenses, the Trustee is entitled to recover the value of the Preferential Transfers pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550(a).

COUNT III

**OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 478 AND 1789 – DISALLOWANCE UNDER SECTION
502(d) AGAINST DEFENDANT ARTITALIA AND DEFENDANT EXPORT**

40. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

41. Claim Nos. 478 and 1789 assert a right to payment allegedly owed by one or more of the Debtors.

42. As alleged above, each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b), which is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.

43. Accordingly, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 502(d), Claim Nos. 478 and 1789 must be disallowed unless and until Defendant pays to the Trustee an amount equal to each Preferential Transfer that is avoided.

COUNT IV

OBJECTION TO THE GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIM AS OVERSTATED AS AGAINST DEFENDANTS ARTITALIA AND EXPORT

44. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

45. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that the General Unsecured Claim is overstated by \$161,362.10 by reason of, amongst other things, duplication of sums claimed in claim No. 478, undelivered goods and non-application of payments.

46. As a result of the above, the General Unsecured Claim should be reduced to an amount not to exceed \$107,124.56.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests and prays that the Court:

i. Pursuant to Counts I and II, enter judgment against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 and allow the Trustee to avoid and recover the Preferential Transfers in an amount not less than \$245,826.67; and

ii. Pursuant to Count III, disallow Claim Nos. 478 and 1789 in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 502(d) pending payment by Defendant to the Trustee of any avoidable and recoverable transfers; and

iii. Pursuant to Count IV, reduce the General Unsecured Claim from the overstated amount of \$268,486.66 to the proper amount of \$107,124.56; and

iv. Award the Trustee prejudgment interest at the legally allowed applicable rate;

v. Award the Trustee costs, and expenses of suit herein; and

vi. Grant the Trustee such other and further relief the Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia
November 8, 2010

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EXHIBIT A

(Preferential Transfers)

Vendor Name	Check Clear Date	Check Number	Paid Amount
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	8/25/2008	26932	\$ 5,295.68
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	8/27/2008	27014	\$ 12,406.00
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	8/27/2008	4550681	\$ 1,047.74
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/5/2008	27114	\$ 4,253.05
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/5/2008	4551959	\$ 1,233.57
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/8/2008	27228	\$ 63,385.66
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/10/2008	27341	\$ 2,993.72
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/16/2008	27463	\$ 2,504.19
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/23/2008	27625	\$ 58,321.56
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/24/2008	27701	\$ 1,918.14
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	9/30/2008	27804	\$ 941.08
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	10/9/2008	28041	\$ 8,968.11
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	10/14/2008	28170	\$ 23,938.85
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	10/16/2008	28246	\$ 58,106.62
ARTITALIA GROUP INC	10/22/2008	28336	\$ 512.70
Total Payment Amount			\$ 245,826.67